



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Arts Commission
Buechner Room, 1st Floor
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.
July 14, 2021
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes 3/3/21
- B. Minutes 3/17/21

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mural - Kensington Road Pedestrian Underpass
- B. Photography Competition

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Arts Commission
7/14/2021**

Item: Minutes 3/3/21

Department: Planning & Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes 3/3/21

Type

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DRAFT
MINUTES OF
THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

Arts Chair Schurtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kristen Schurtz, Arts Chair
 Janet Souter
 Mary Seitz-Pagano
 Toni Higgins-Thrash
 Leena Joshi
 Kristen Walter
 Sarah Galla
 Brian Wolf

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

Arts Chair Schurtz read the following statement as requested by the Village: I find that the public health concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic render in-person attendance at the regular meeting location not practical or prudent.

Arts Chair Schurtz led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMISSIONER GALLA MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WOLF, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2020 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
JOSHI, AYE; WOLF, AYE; GALLA, AYE; ARTS CHAIR SCHURTZ, AYE
ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

MURAL – KENSINGTON ROAD UNDERPASS

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if there is an update regarding the mural project. Staff Liaison Derek Mach provided an overview of the mural project. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the Commission previously discussed letters that state 'Arlington Heights' be placed on each side of the Kensington Road pedestrian underpass. There are 16 letters in the words 'Arlington Heights' and different student art classes and/or local artists could create one of the letters with artwork that meets the inclusive theme. Staff Liaison Derek Mach further explained that once the art is completed, an electronic file would be created and a local sign contractor will print the artwork/letters on vandal proof material. The Commission previously discussed that the word 'Arlington' would be placed on the west side of the underpass and 'Heights' on the east wall. On each side of the underpass below the mural, 'City of Good Neighbors' would be placed. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano provided an update regarding the 'call for artists'. The Commission discussed the importance of lighting in the underpass. Commissioner Walter inquired about promoting the call. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano explained that it will be publicized on social media. Commissioner Joshi commented on the importance of the font selection and size of each letter so that it is prominent and highlights the artwork. Commissioner Higgins-Thrash suggested that pictures be taken of the space in the evening so that the existing light levels can be evaluated. Commissioner Walter volunteered to take some pictures of the space in the evening. Commissioner Galla suggested

that the artists provide a written description of their artwork and that the written descriptions be used to help promote the mural. The Commissions discussed meeting on March 17 to finalize the 'call for artists'.

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if there are any members in the audience that would like to comment. Mr. Keith Moens commented that the mural is attractive and that he looks forward to an improvement at the underpass. Mr. Moens shared concerns regarding potential vandalism. Arts Chair Schurtz thanked Mr. Moens for his comments. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will explore options for adding light to the area. Ms. Melissa Cayer commented that visitors may want to take pictures of the mural and share with their friends. Arts Chair Schurtz thanked Ms. Cayer for her comments and commented that pictures would be wonderful.

Arts Chair Schurtz asked if there is any new business?

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOUTER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:05 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
JOSHI, AYE; WOLF, AYE; GALLA, AYE; ARTS CHAIR SCHURTZ, AYE
ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED



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ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
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MARCH 17, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

Arts Chair Schurtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kristen Schurtz, Arts Chair
 Janet Souter
 Mary Seitz-Pagano
 Toni Higgins-Thrash
 Leena Joshi
 Kristen Walter
 Sarah Galla

Members Absent: Brian Wolf

Also Present: Derek Mach, Staff Liaison

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MURAL – KENSINGTON ROAD UNDERPASS

Arts Chair Schurtz explained that the Commission previously met on March 3, 2021 to discuss the mural and that the goal was to finalize any remaining details this evening. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that previously there was concerns with the lighting at the underpass. Commissioner Walter shared pictures of the underpass that demonstrate the light levels in the evening. The Commission suggested that light fixtures be incorporated within the tunnel. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that staff will discuss options for possibly adding light at the underpass. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that staff researched the product 'Durabond' which is the material that the sign contractor is recommending for the mural/artwork. Staff Liaison Derek Mach further explained that the product is considered vandal resistant and that marker or paint can easily be removed. Staff Liaison Derek Mach commented that if someone was determined to vandalize the product that it is resistant and not vandal proof.

The Commission agreed that the font for 'Arlington Heights' should be a block font. The Commission discussed the font for 'City of Good Neighbors' which will be located on both sides below 'Arlington Heights'. Commissioner Walter suggested evaluating after the artwork is received and that a color be picked that will compliment the artwork. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano suggested that the tunnel wall color be evaluated after the artwork is received. Commissioner Seitz-Pagano commented that every letter should stand out independently. Commissioner Galla inquired if artists could sign their artwork. Staff Liaison Derek Mach explained that the artists can sign their work but a business is not allowed to promote themselves as part of the mural.

COMMISSIONER WALTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GALLA RECOMMENDING THAT THE 'CALL FOR ARTISTS' FOR A MURAL AT THE KENSINGTON PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS BE RELEASED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
JOSHI, AYE; GALLA, AYE; ARTS CHAIR SCHURTZ, AYE
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Arts Chair Schurtz asked if there is any new business?

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER SEITZ-PAGANO MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED.

SOUTER, AYE; SEITZ-PAGANO, AYE; HIGGINS-THRASH, AYE; WALTER, AYE;
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